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SUBJ: NEW PEKING-PARRIS AIR SERVICES

1. AIR FRANCE AND CAAC HAVE AGREED TO ADD TWO NEW FLIGHTS BETWEEN PARIS AND PEKING. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, CAAC ON AUGUST 5 INAUGURATED A SECOND PEKING-KARACHI-PARIS ROUND TRIP FLIGHT THAT ORIGINATES IN PEKING ON FRIDAY AND ARRIVES IN PARIS ON SATURDAY, BEGINNING THE RETURN TRIP THE SAME DAY. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY, AIR FRANCE ON APRIL 1, 1979 WILL INAUGURATE ANOTHER PARIS-PEKING-TOKYO ROUNDTrip FLIGHT DEPARTING PARIS ON TUESDAY AND ARRIVING PEKING ON WEDNESDAY. AIR FRANCE HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE 747'S ON THE NEW SERVICE AND IS AWAITING A CHINESE DECISION.

2. COMMENT: AIR FRANCE HAS HAD ONLY ONE FLIGHT A WEEK ON THE PARIS-PEKING-TOKYO ROUND TRIP ROUTE. THE FLIGHTS ARE ALWAYS FULL BUT THE FRENCH HAVE COMPLAINED THAT HIGH 707 FUEL COSTS HAVE MADE THIS SERVICE UNPROFITABLE.
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USE OF 747'S NOW POSSIBLE WITH THE NEW RUNWAY IN PEKING -- WOULD CHANGE THIS. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS FURTHER EVIDENCE, IF ANY IS NEEDED, OF THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM CHINA. (JAL WILL BE ADDING ANOTHER PEKING-TOKYO FLIGHT IN NOVEMBER.)
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